

Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

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Requirement

The unique bill of lading number used by airlines shall be composed of the following elements: carrier's code, origin airport code and air waybill number. The bill shall also be identified in the system by the destination code, flight number and flight date.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. This is to overcome a problem experienced by Air
2. Need to define if and how house-bills will be handled
3. Much more needs to be looked at on this, needs working group

Business Need

Airlines issue blocks of air waybills to their customers but have no control over when the bills are actually used. This results in shippers using "old" bills whose numbers have since been reissued, resulting in duplicate air waybills being rejected by the current AMS system. Airlines' interfaces with AMS recognize all of the elements listed above, therefore no "duplicates" exist in their systems. Adding addition elements to identify bills will eliminate "duplicates" in the Customs' system.

Technical Need

Benefits

Eliminating "duplicates" will prevent USCS from having to clear such shipments in the Track 1 mode (on paper).

Risks

Related Subcommittees

Priority: **Critical** ☐ **High** ☐ **Medium** ☐ **Low** ☐

Customs Use Only

Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Further Evaluation Required ☐